

Potential Stakeholders to participate in Cost Sharing to Fund the Project:

- Yuba County
- Local Service Groups
- U.S. Forest Service
- Feather River Air Management District
- Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council

Estimated project cost is **\$950,000**. As of June 1, 2004, over \$200,000 had been spent on the project, the majority of which came from Prop 204. Last year \$58,500 was contributed from HR 2389 funds and \$30,000 from gas tax revenues for a total of \$88,500. Updated totals were not available at the time of publishing of this year's plan.

The program had been utilizing California Youth Authority crews from the Washington Ridge Conservation Camp to assist with the labor involved in this project. With this winter's removal of CYA crews from Washington Ridge, this program has been placed on hold. It is anticipated that the project work can resume once the transition from CYA to CDC (Calif. Dept. of Corrections) is completed at Washington Ridge.

26 Desired Future Condition

The population growth in the project areas will set the guidelines for the respective desired future conditions. Currently, the goal is to establish buffers for a minimum of thirty feet around each structure that resemble a Fuel Model 8 with an additional buffer similar to a Fuel Model 9 for another seventy feet. This would provide an overall buffer of one hundred feet around each structure where fire behavior would be significantly reduced due to the lack of ground fuels. Currently, as few as ten percent of the homes within the project areas meet the FireSafe standards. As that number approaches 100 percent, a large fuel reduction area will be created. This will ultimately result in an overall decrease in fire behavior in these areas; thereby, improving the fire services ability to extinguish the fires in the initial attack stages.

The goal of the roadside fuel reduction areas is to improve ingress and egress for the communities and develop defensible locations to be used by fire suppression resources to suppress oncoming wildfires. Any fuel break by itself will NOT stop a wildfire. It is a location where the fuel has been modified to increase the probability of success for fire suppression activities. Ground resources can use the location for direct attack or firing out. Air resources can use the location for fire retardant drops. (see Appendix D for an example shaded fuel break prescription.)

Action Plan

Currently all of the priority projects identified in this plan are in some stage of implementation. The Placer County Projects have received over \$600,000 funding

through Proposition 204 and the National Fire Plan. There is also a chipper module working with the landowners throughout Placer County to aid in fuels reduction. Placer County funds ½ PY for a Pre-Fire Planner.

In Nevada County, the Fire Safe Council Coordinator position is now being funded by the County, the Forty-Niner Project has been awarded \$860,721.00 by the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the State Office of Emergency Services; and, a local fire district has undertaken the Alta Sierra Project. The Nevada County Consolidated Fire District (NCCFD) is currently doing inspections and enforcing the requirements of PRC 4290. Along with Nevada County and the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District, NCCFD is providing chipper support to the residents that complete their clearance requirement. Also, CDF and the National Fire Plan have dedicated over \$150,000.00 towards fuels reduction around residences in western Nevada County. The CDF and Nevada County have a contract to provide a Pre-Fire Planner at the county level and the position is considered a great success.

Several miles of shaded fuel break work have already been completed in the Ure Mountain and Oregon Ridge Projects in Yuba County. The recent Pendola and Williams fires have spurred the interests of the residents and brought home the importance of meeting FireSafe standards.

The Unit is constantly re-evaluating our projects and developing a plan of action with the stakeholders of any potential new projects. Each of the above projects is currently being viewed on a three-year timeline as that is what the funding periods are limited to.

27 Battalion Level Prevention and Pre-fire Management Programs for the Coming Year

Battalion 10 (Dry Creek Area)

Summary : The Dry Creek Battalion serves a 41 square mile area with a population of approximately 5000 residents. The Battalion is located entirely in the LRA but has significant wild land fire potential. We will continue our high profile prevention program within the Battalion.

FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Burn Permit Administration

Issuing points for Le 62's will be CDF/Placer County Fire Station 100. The local pollution control district determines burn hours. Pre-inspections will be provided on a requested or as needed basis. With each permit written, a Placer County Air Pollution Control District's Residential Open Burning informational sheet will be included. A copy of the permit will be filed at Station 100.

Defensible Space

The Battalion 10 goal will be to target areas within the Battalion that have a significant wildland fire threat and inspect 100 homes using the PRC 4291 program,